

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Serial No.: 10/568,460) Examiner: Johannes P. MONDT
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Notice of Allowance and Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed on August 16, 2011. Without withdrawing allowed claims 55, 56, and 58-77 from issue, Applicant submits these comments.

The Examiner made characterizations and assertions about the claims and the related prior art in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Although Applicant agrees with the Examiner's ultimate conclusions that the claims are patentable because the prior art does not teach or suggest the claimed features set forth in the claims, Applicant does not necessarily agree with each or every characterization and assertion contained in the Examiner's statement.

Furthermore, it is understood that the Examiner's characterizations were for purposes of referring to the prior art, and do not in any way imply that the claims are

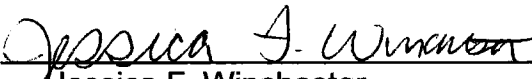
limited by words not actually present in the claims. Therefore, unless expressly noted otherwise, Applicant declines to subscribe to any statement or characterization contained in the Notice of Allowance and its accompanying Reasons for Allowance.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of these comments, please charge the fee to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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